

Site: M:26/10/84

England House

Built: 1920

12 Wall Street

Private

This frame 2-1/2 story American foursquare has Prairie/Craftsman-inspired details and a columned front verandah adopted from Victorian Classical Revival styles. It was built for local merchant Harrison England, remaining in the family until 1963.

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

DOE ☐ yes ☒ noNR ☒ yes ☐ no(contributing element in West
Montgomery NR Historic District)

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic The England House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 12 Wall Street

☐ not for publication

city, town Rockville

☐ vicinity of

congressional district

8

state

Maryland

county

Montgomery (RV Planning Area 4)

3. Classification

Category

☐ district
☒ building(s)
☐ structure
☐ site
☐ object

Ownership

☐ public
☒ private
☐ both

Public Acquisition

☐ in process
☐ being considered
☒ not applicable

Status

☒ occupied
☐ unoccupied
☐ work in progress

Accessible

☐ yes: restricted
☐ yes: unrestricted
☒ no

Present Use

☐ agriculture
☐ commercial
☐ educational
☐ entertainment
☐ government
☐ industrial
☐ military

☐ museum
☐ park
☒ private residence
☐ religious
☐ scientific
☐ transportation
☐ other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Thomas and Andrea Dickerson

street & number 12 Wall Street

telephone no.: 279-7258

city, town Rockville

state and zip code

Maryland 20850

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery Co. Land Records

4925

liber

street & number Montgomery Co. Courthouse

185

folio

city, town Rockville

state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title National Register of Historic Places (1974)

date City of Rockville Historic District (1974) ☒ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☒ local

depository for survey records City of Rockville

city, town Rockville

state Maryland

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

Check one

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The subject house faces west on Wall Street . It sits on double lot with mature trees shading the rear yard; the remainder of the property is landscaped with shrubs and ornamental beds. A two car garage lies slightly back from the southeast corner of the house, accessed by a driveway from Wall Street near the south property line.

This frame 1920, 2-1/2 story three-bay by two-bay American Foursquare has Prairie/Craftsman-inspired details and a columned front verandah adopted from Victorian Classical Revival styles. The house is stuccoed, has a low hipped pyramidal roof with wide, slightly flared eaves covered with slate and broken by slate-sided centered hipped dormers on sides and front. The foundation is cement parged common block. There are two interior brick chimneys. There are two modern additions to the side and rear of the mainblock.

A popularized Prairie/Craftsman foursquare, this house retains its integrity despite with modern additions on the north and east sides. The additions do not detract from the typical square blocky mass, low hipped pyramidal roof, slightly flared eaves with deep overhang, and hipped flared eave dormers centered on side and front which echo the main roof. The original full-width columned front porch with heavy cornice is a regional preference retained from Victorian Classical revival styles. Windows are 6/1 with plain surrounds, slightly projecting sills and drip caps, and have wooden louvered shutters.

The four-bay west (front) facade has symmetrical first and second-story fenestration, four evenly spaced windows on the second aligned over two in the left (north) bay, first. The first story right (south) bay has a wood panel and stained glass entry door surmounted by a rectangular transom. A slate shingled, hipped roof dormer with flared eaves and a pair of four-light windows is centered in the roof. The original full width front porch has been extended one bay to the north and wrapped around the north side to form an enclosed addition with an octagonal stained glass window centered in the lapped siding. The porch rests upon 6 brick piers infilled with lattice panels. Four plain Doric columns joined by a plain stick and rail balustrade support the tin seamed porch roof. Access to the porch is by 6 wooden steps in the right two bays flanked by a stick and rail balustrade ending with a newel post with ball finial.

The two-bay south facade has fenestration consisting of one window, left (west) bay, upper and lower story, and one window lower right (east) bay. A smaller, 6/1 stairlight window is asymmetrically placed. Two rectangular basement lights are in the main block and a dormer is centered on the roof.

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The two-bay east (rear) main block facade has two evenly-spaced windows on the second story. The first story is occupied by an German-style aluminum siding modern addition with seamed-tin shed roof. The addition's south side has small 6/1 windows left and right, and an exterior door in the center reached by four brick steps. A square post and shed-roof portico shelters this door. The east side has a bay window, sliding glass doors, and an octagonal turret with three leaded glass windows on the north corner which wraps around and occupies the entire north side first story, fenestrated with three pairs of 6/1 windows and a modern bay window.

The two-bay main block north facade has one window in the east and west bays, second story, and a dormer centered on the roof.

Garage:

The frame German sided front-gable two car garage is stuccoed with narrow wood siding in the gable and has a composition roof. The west (front) has two battened sliding doors, four panels each. A triangular window is centered in the gable. the north side has an entry door at the left, and a window at the right. The east has one window, the south, two.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) local history,

Specific dates 1920

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D

and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Significance

The England house is the 1920's representative of the varied, comfortable, vernacular homes built on Wall Street between 1888 and 1933 by the younger members of Rockville's commercial/professional class.

History and Support

The Laird family retained part of the land lying directly behind their 1887 home for some thirty years before selling these lots to Harrison England in 1918. 1/ Mr. England was the son of merchant John G. England Jr., former Mayor and Town councilman. 2/

Harrison England established Rockville Fuel & Feed Company in 1912 at age 21. He also owned extensive land on the east side of the B&O railroad tracks, part of the 18th century Crabb estate inherited through his maternal grandparents. Mr. England platted a portion of this land into 186 small lots which he offered to the black community as "England's Addition to Lincoln Park". He sold lots in an adjoining subdivision on the south to white owners as "Croyden Park". England's Real Estate Agency, Suburban Properties, later constructed houses as well. 3/

The earliest mention of Harrison England in the tax records is a \$600 valuation for the two automobiles he owned in 1918. The house on Wall Street was added to the tax rolls in 1920. The subject house is typical of the Georgian or Classical Revival Cottage, often called the American Foursquare; it was valued at \$3,500 in the 1920s. Mr. England lived at 12 Wall Street for a while, then moved several times with his family to other Rockville residences. The house remained in the England family until its 1963 sale to Charles and Norma Derry. 4/

The Derrys added a room to the north side of the house and also extended the full width porch to retain the balanced composition of the house. The present owners, Thomas and Andrea Dickerson, purchased the house in 1977. In 1984 they were recognized by Peerless Rockville for "creative enhancement" of the property based on their rehabilitative efforts, additions of stained glass, and the construction of complementary sun room and brick patio.
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Attachment 8.1

Footnotes:

1. Montgomery County Land Records 274/355 (1918.) Lots #19 and #20 of Veirs' Addition were purchased in 1888 for \$350 (Montgomery County Land Records JA6/105). Additional strips of vacant land were added in 1912. The Laird home is at (now) 310 West Montgomery Avenue. (Maryland Historical Trust Inventory Site M:29/10/48.)
2. The England property consisted of lots #23, #24, & #26 of the original town. A brick store was located at the northwest corner of Commerce and Washington Street, with a smaller store and frame house behind. A new brick house was built on lot #24 in the 1880's to accomodate the 15 children of the England family. (Equity #2974, 1913).
3. The Afro-American Institute for Historic Preservation and Community Development - Study of Historic Sites, "Lincoln Park Historic District", August 1978, pp 42-44 of Part III.
4. Montgomery County Land Records 3133/522 and Montgomery County Sentinel of various dates 1926-1973.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Genealogies of England and allied families. Montgomery County
Land, Plat, Equity, and Tax Records. Montgomery County Sentinel

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 16,800 square feet

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

The house sits on the dividing line between lots #19 and 20,
in "R.T. Veirs' Addition to Rockville" fronting on Wall Street.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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city or town Rockville state Maryland 20850

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Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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